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Ocotillo District Weekly Update

Glendale Fire Department Deploys New Fire Unit To Reduce Call Volume

Glendale Fire Department has deployed a new fire unit in an effort to reduce the use of emergency apparatus for non-life-threatening responses. The unit is called "LA151" and it stands for Low Acuity 151 which means it will handle calls that are non-life-threatening in nature. These non-emergent calls generate some 9,000 calls for assistance each year in Glendale that are normally handled by either a busy paramedic ladder or engine company that could be serving on more serious calls elsewhere in the City.

Calls that do not need a fire truck and a four person crew will be routed to LA151 thus reducing engine or ladder company responses in Glendale's already over-burdened fire and EMS response system. LA151 is staffed by a Captain Paramedic and EMT Firefighter. The unit will be dispatched on non-life threatening calls but have the ability to call for additional resources if necessary once on scene. The crew recently underwent training in Mesa and Chandler to observe similar systems. Glendale Fire Department responded to approximately 37,000 calls for service in 2014 and individual apparatus response rates currently exceed the national average of about



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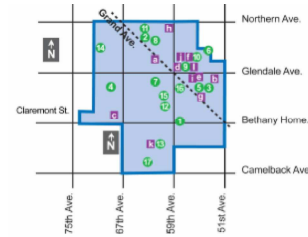
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2,000 calls per unit. About 50% of Glendale's fire apparatus fleet is responding to over 3,000 calls per year with some of those calls being low acuity in nature.

LA151 will be a one year pilot program and additional low acuity units may be placed into service if the pilot data supports the low acuity response concept. Glendale Fire will evaluate the unit's efficiency over the next many months and determine a further course of action while continuing to serve the community.



City of Glendale TV Station Recognized With Two Emmy Nominations.

Glendale 11 has been nominated for two Rocky Mountain Region Emmy Awards for its coverage of Super Bowl 49, held at University of Phoenix Stadium in February.

The city's Emmy-award winning broadcast team is nominated in two different categories; Politics/Government News Series for its entry called "[Glendale's Got Game Composite](#)" as well as Special Event Coverage (other than News or Sports)-Live or Edited for its entry called "[Glendale's Got Game: Super Bowl 49.](#)" In a unique relationship, Glendale's Super Bowl preparedness stories also aired on 3TV and CBS5. The city had a similar partnership with CBS5 during the lead-up to the 2008 Super Bowl, also held in Glendale.

The Rocky Mountain Emmy is the industry's most prestigious award, recognizing and rewarding excellence in television broadcasting among broadcast professionals from 5 states in the region. "These nominations reflect the high quality production work of the Glendale 11 staff, which is what our residents and visitors deserve", said Laurie Sapp, Glendale Assistant Communications Director. "The success of Super Bowl 49 was truly a team effort among all city employees, and a wonderful way to showcase what Glendale has to offer."

Winners of this year's Emmy Awards will be announced at a ceremony taking place Oct. 17 at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale.

Glendale 11 can be seen 24 hours a day on Cox Channel 11 and the city's [website](#).



Safe Haven Program

Are you afraid or don't want to keep your baby?

Do you just want someone to give your baby to, keep it safe, and make sure your baby gets a good home?

You have options. Arizona has the **Safe Haven Law** that identifies places where mothers can safely and anonymously give up their babies without fear of prosecution. We have a Safe Haven crisis response team available to assist you with questions, options and resources, 24/7. Call 1-866-707-2229.

If your baby is unharmed, is under 72 hours old and you don't intend to reclaim your baby, you have options! Simply bring your baby

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit

valleymetro.org/Glendale.

Glendale Releases Arena Compliance Review

The City of Glendale released today, its final and completed compliance review of the Professional Management Services and Arena Lease Agreement (PMSA).

The review, conducted by the Glendale City Auditor's Office in conjunction with ProEminent Sports, LLC, finds the main issues were administrative in nature and that staff has been working productively with IceArizona to address any outstanding concerns and to ensure processes going forward comply with the amended agreement.

The initial report was dated June 2, 2015. "Recent events including the June 10, 2015 Council action to cancel the PMSA, subsequent negotiations with IceArizona, and the July 24, 2015 Council action to amend the agreement, significantly impacted some of the audit findings", said Glendale Acting City Manager Dick Bowers. "Therefore, we felt it was appropriate for the management responses to reflect the amended agreement."

Glendale Celebrates National Library Card Month

A library card is the passport to a world of possibilities! September is National Library Card Month, and the Glendale Public Libraries want to spread the word about this little card with a big value.

During National Library Card Month anyone who comes into a Glendale library to apply for a library

to the Safe Haven locations:

**Any Hospital
Any Ambulance
Any Designated
Adoption Agency
On-duty Fire Stations
Any Designated
Church**

You must hand your baby to a person at above locations or may place baby in Safe Haven drawer at designated hospitals. Tell them this is a safe haven baby and you may leave. Your baby will be cared for and a good home will be found for the baby.

[Drop Off Drawer Locations](#) Click here for the locations of hospitals with anonymous drop off drawers.

For more information please go to azsbh2.org/information/.

Alley Clean-Up!

Alley clean-up work began on September 1st on our 23.4 miles of alleys citywide. In the Ocotillo district there are 13.5 miles of alleys, comprising 57% of the alleys within the city. Shrub maintenance, tree trimming, loose trash pick-up, illegal dumping removal, and weed abatement activities are being performed on a quarterly basis.

card can enter a raffle to throw a pie in the face of a teen librarian! The raffle isn't limited to new card holders; those who already have cards can enter by referring a friend.

Walk into a Glendale library and you will discover a variety of resources that meet the unique needs of the community. These days cardholders not only have the key to the traditional resources, books, magazines, DVDS, and CDs; they also have full access to amenities that provide the latest technologies and services: personal computers, Wi-Fi, eBooks, eReaders, databases, video games and Culture Passes. Many of these services are offered online 24 hours a day.

To apply for a card, visit one of the three Glendale libraries: Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., or Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. A picture ID and proof of current address is required to complete the registration process. Children under 14 require a parent or guardian present to apply. A Glendale library card is free to all Maricopa County residents.

Learn more about Glendale libraries online at www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Libraries Expand Online Service with New Partnership

Glendale Public Library announced availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics via mobile and online access through a new partnership with Hoopla Digital.

Glendale library card holders can now download the free Hoopla Digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or by visiting hoopladigital.com. Available content includes thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to smartphones, tablets and computers.

"The library is excited to add Hoopla Digital services to our growing electronic resource offerings for our patrons. The selection is varied and downloading is quick," said Glendale's Chief Librarian, Michael Beck.

"With Hoopla Digital, our patrons can enjoy dynamic content from the library on-the-go," said Kathy Curley, Administrative Librarian for Collection Development.

Maricopa County Adult Probation is also working in our alleys weekly. Their work consists of fielding an 8-10 person crew with a supervisor, working usually on Sundays for 4-5 hours. They collect and pile the large debris and bag the smaller trash. The piles and trash bags are picked up by Right Of Way city crews on Monday mornings.

For any alley concerns, please call 623-930-2656.

"Being digital, there is no waiting period for popular titles and Hoopla's automatic return means no late fees."

Hoopla Digital is a service of Midwest Tape, a trusted partner to public libraries for more than 25 years.

Coming Up

Got Hazardous Waste? Let Glendale Pick It Up For Free.

Most of us have cleaning chemicals or other hazardous items laying around the house or garage that we don't know what to do with. But Glendale's got a solution. The city's solid waste crews will come to your home to pick up your items and dispose of them safely.

Twice a year, Glendale's Solid Waste Division offers the free service, to the first 750 households that make a reservation. Residents can call to schedule a pick-up Sept. 28 through Oct. 23, and collections will be done between Oct. 23 and Nov. 6.

The service not only helps residents avoid transporting dangerous products, but helps keep regular garbage collections safer. The improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can cause problems for the entire community. Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors that can harm city workers or others.

Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and Police Officer for Coffee and Conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Doreen Anderson at 623-695-0440

September 23, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Ranch Market located at 6730 W. Camelback Rd.

Got Drugs? Safely Dispose of Them!

The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be

accepted on Saturday, **September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street, North parking lot area.

*Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, injectable and syringes **CANNOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens*

For more information about this event, contact Officer Jeff Horsley at 623-930-4029 or Officer Andy Lynes at 623-930-2554.

Glendale Police Department Shred Event
Saturday, October 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., Southwest Parking Lot Area. Four (4) banker boxes limit per household. Due to demand, event may conclude if trucks are full. For further information contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist at 623-930-4044.

Musical Mystery Tour Glendale Civic Pride
Ambassadors 2015 Fundraiser -Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets are now on sale for the second annual *Musical Mystery Tour* fundraiser to be held Saturday evening, October 3, 2015, on the DeVry University Sky Patio, overlooking Westgate and with a spectacular view of the West Valley, presented by the [Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors Foundation](#). The goal of the ***Musical Mystery Tour*** is to raise money for [Upward for Children and Families](#), whose mission it is to "bring joy and hope to the children they serve."

"We are very excited at the community response," said Nancy Lenox, president of the GCPA. "We're inviting all our friends, neighbors and business partners from throughout the valley to enjoy our second presentation of a wonderful evening of musical entertainment. This year's event is entitled **Sentimental Journey**, featuring the music of the '40s and '50's, with a special tribute to Luke Air Force Base who came to Glendale, Arizona during that period. Proceeds from this event will benefit [Upward for Children and Families](#). KTVK 3TV's Good Morning Arizona Weekend Anchor Jaime Cerreta has graciously agreed to serve as our Master of Ceremonies."

Lenox added, "Among our premier sponsors are the Glendale Convention and Visitor's Bureau, retired Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Disneyland and Midwestern University. Many other area businesses and individuals are supporting **Musical Mystery Tour** with cash contributions and/or prizes for our drawings. Catering will be provided by Fat Freddy's, one of the valley's most sought-after catering companies. Valet parking will also be available." She added, "Tickets are on sale now at just \$40 each."

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors (GCPA) was organized to help promote economic, social and cultural vitality for Glendale and the surrounding area. They also raise funds to help the region's worthwhile charitable organizations through the GCPA Foundation, having donated more than \$300,000 to charity in the past decade.

Upward for Children and Families, a United Way agency, provides special education and therapies, including speech, feeding and swallowing, music, occupational and physical, for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Doug Carter, CEO of Upward, said, "We're so grateful to the GCPA for their generosity. Traditional funding sources are diminishing and we are in the midst of a capital campaign to improve our facilities. We really need their help. The GCPA Foundation has our sincere thanks, and we can't wait to enjoy the show!"

For more information about the 2015 Musical Mystery Tour, visit www.musicalmysterytour.org, or contact Nancy Lenox at 602.568.6202 /nancylenox@cox.net, To purchase tickets, call 602.279.5801. Seating is limited, so please make your reservations early.

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